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## Choice Poetry.

### CONNECTICUT.

BY HUGH PETERS.

There's snow in the gush of streams,
Where snow leaves leave the land,
There's ice in the April breeze,
Which, beautiful and bland,
Comes rushing from the far South-West
Towards the burning zone —
There have such in Connecticut,
My beautiful, my own!

There's music in the voice of birds,
Hailing the coming morn —
There's music in the blast of horns,
And in the hunter's cheer —
There's music — in the laugh of girls,
A thrill in every tone —
Such girls as thine, Connecticut,
My beautiful, my own!

There's music in the air,
Up — in the deep blue sky —
Where eagles, from golden bowers,
Inventory motionless —
I need to think I heard it there,
When round us all alone,
At midnight — Connecticut —
My beautiful, my own!

The rushing wind which curls the sea
Has courage in its roar —
And so has that which whistles through
The hawser's cordage — and
That which wrenches the hills with snow
Has courage in its blast —
There is life in thee, Connecticut,
My beautiful, my own!

There's music in the deep low tones
Of thy sweet matrons — there
Is music in them for our worldliness,
Our manhood, our pride —
Such passions as all our hearts second
The touch of thy mighty hand —
Such passions, Connecticut,
My beautiful, my own!

There's light in the bosom of
The forest-hooded wanderer —
There light in the sunken eye —
Or boyhood's laconic, alert —
There such light, when a stranger,
All wearied, and alone,
Lost thee, Connecticut,
My beautiful, my own!

There's music, ay, at every thing,
In thee, Connecticut —
The sweetest morning-songs are thine —
The sweetest evening-hymns —
And those from shore and hill I've heard
Up in the land, Connecticut,
My beautiful, my own!

## Pictures of Life.

### EVELYN VILLARS;

OR,

A COUNTRY NEIGHBORHOOD.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "ISABEL DENISON."

CHAPTER I.

They grow in beauty, side by side.—Mrs. Hemans.

"How do you do, Mrs. Villars?" said Mrs. Melville, as she entered a morning visitor, who then nearly knelt. I did not know that you were back from the city so soon."

"We only came back last night, but I came to see how you were, as I was out."

"I thank you, all quite well. This is really kind. And how did you get on at Brighton?"

Mrs. Melville was a woman of a certain age, who was there, whether it was simply or not, I do not know, and whether we may or not, I will not say. Mrs. Villars had belied, at least, seven years, in all of which assertion the answers were gentle.

"And mister is Evelyn? why have you not brought him with you? I should like to see her again."

"I was able to let you see Evelyn this morning," replied Mrs. Villars, hesitatingly; "and I scarcely you she is so long absent to see Clarice again."

"Ah, yes, I dare say; they are very fond of each other, but Clarice is really impatient—she is very tender hearted."

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"Well, you have described her pretty well, Evelyn. She is unlike everybody I ever met—so. Too cold and lady looking at last sight, if you must have it."

"Oh, you like her, Henry?" again inquired Evelyn.

"He asked a great deal about you. It was the only subject which seemed to excite her."

"Dear Clarice! How very nice! I wonder if I shall ever see her again? Is there any chance of her coming back to England?"

"No—she said she had given up all hope of it. Mr. Melville has become used to Rome now. He has taken to antiquities and geology, and all that sort of thing; and Miss Melville says she thinks he is happier than he was in England."

"And what does Clarice do?"

"She paints in oil and water colors, and draws in chalks, and goes to the Galleries to copy pictures, and she plays quite beautifully. Oh, she's very accomplished and very clever! She beats you, Evelyn, out and out."

"Ah, I dare say! I'm not very clever, I am afraid, though papa does say that my writing is rather nice sometimes. Did you like Clarice, Henry?" asked Evelyn, as the last words, in tones unconscious that there had been an appearance of evoking the question.

"I don't know. Quite opposite ones, to answered Henry, after a moment's thought. "To my mind, she is cold and unsympathetic. But most women are. Perhaps that might come into your character of an angel."

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Here the custodian bade me wait while he went to announce me, and I awaited myself at the moment to take off my cloak, to set my hair to rights a little, to frame my former close observation, to in my sash properly; in short, to make myself as smart as I could. The old man presently came back, conducted me along a corridor, and then opened the folding doors of an apartment, whence issued a beautiful light of lamps.

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Being called by his wife, he made his appearance immediately, and essential our coming. When he was still, as he ever had been, Maggyar, with body and soul; and held for Deakky that he could not be a good citizen of Hungary, but he had not restrained by the solemn idea of being obliged to fight against his former comrades; but he assured me that he would yet do so.

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### TO POSTMASTERS.

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Persons writing to us on matters relating to Clubs, would confer a favor by having them sent to our address when they can do so conveniently.

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We begin this week the publication of a novelet with the above title, by the author of "Ione," "Lucy Sandford," &c., and we have much satisfaction in our readers. It deepens in interest as it proceeds.

Now subscribers wishing to obtain this novelet, will please send on their names as early as possible, as it is our wish that we shall be able to supply all the demands for back numbers of the stories which may arise. Persons desiring to begin subscribing for a weekly paper, will find no better time than the present to begin, and no better paper to subscribe for, as the novelet will add much to our opinion, and we ought to know.

### ENGLISH POLICY.

One of our contemporaries, in commenting upon an article from the London Times, says that it is unworthy of the Post, which ought to be above catering to the vulgar and stupid prejudices of the multitude, which pervades among the entire classes of our people.

Without taking exception, which we might justly do, to the material misconception we make of the above paragraph, we may simply remark that, the London Times proves that Great Britain, has however superior to other European nations, in political wisdom, and sufficiently large that the men are disposed to imagine that we have not come to go into a long argument upon the subject, and we refer to the Opinion of the Times, of China, the various English wars in the East Indies, and the enactment of laws to put down slavery in our opinions of Great Britain, we cater to no "vulgar and stupid prejudice." But we are the facts of our own day—they cannot be excused by the plea that they occurred in those "times of which we have not the light"—they are the very object of the war with China? To open the ports of the Celestial Empire to the free ingress of England. What have been the objects of the various wars in the East Indies? To extend and consolidate the possessions of England. What has been the treatment of Ireland? Has not that unhappy country been governed by the sword, the object being to draw as much money as possible from it, and to keep it in a state of subjection? Has not the treatment of Ireland been the most impolitic, and offensive kind that were ever disposed to imagine that we have

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## A JUST REPLY.

Mr. Calhoun, in the course of his recent speech in the Senate (read by Mr. Mason), made use of the following singular language in relation to the United States:

"What was once a Constitutional Federal Republic, is now converted in reality into one as absolute as that of the Autocrat of Russia, and as despotic in its tendency as any absolute Government that ever existed in this case."

In reference to this extraordinary charge, Mr. Cass cowardly spoke as follows:

"We lose in our excitement in the force of language, and in the authority of years and intellect, when such extravagant assertions are presented to us. Is there a man in this broad land, who does not know, and feel and acknowledge that he is free? And yet he is told seriously—not in an extemporaneous debate, but in a speech set for a regal tea, where no man should be bold in a rigid adherence to truth—that he is not free! That he is merely a subject, and not a citizen! That he is politically dead, and laid upon the immediate shelf of oblivion! And by whom? Through what channel is this calamity contemporaneously—we are told, I say, 'that this once Constitutional Republic is now the farce of the earth!' And who tells us so? One of the most distinguished citizens of this country—a man who has rendered her important services, and occupied the highest offices in her gift—a position not-third of a century—possessing the highest intellectual and acquired attainments! And who has won a world-like reputation! What will be thought and said of us, if we submit to such language from Europe—to Monarchical Europe! Why, sir, we shall be the scoff of the nations! We shall be considered as every paper or speech in this country, and even the tyrannies will be admonished. That is the language of Europe, and of Europe no better than that Despotic Democracy, nicknamed the Parliamentary Republic, on the coast of the Atlantic—thus characterized by one of its most renowned citizens, and by the only one of all those serious injury to the cause of freedom throughout the world. Out of such a source we are comforted. Let an American go to Europe, and if he should speak of the United States in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, for an answer, if you please. He who would speak of his country as we meet in the Parliament, would find himself on the floor of the Senate, and would be denounced by his people, he would find the same thing to be true, even in the same time. In England, it would find it in Australia, where many of those men have been transported for language less significant. There is not a country on the face of the earth where a man could make such a speech with impunity. I shall feel that there is a man and a man may say here what he pleases, and as he pleases. But we are not to be governed by the perfect sanity, its principles, its practices, and it's institutions, and there is no man who would not feel that he was insulted by such a speech. Let the Senate and the country look to it. Let the people look to it. Let the States look to it. Let the Legislatures look to it. Let the Governors look to it. Let the Executive look to it. Let the Judiciary look to it. Let the bar look to it. Let the pulpit look to it. Let the press look to it. Let the Yellow Metal see to it."

## MEETING OF WOMEN.

The Annual meeting of the *Ramie Association for the relief of widows, orphans, and children of females who have lost all means of living, will be held at* the Assembly Room in the Masonic Hall, on Chestnut street, above Seventh, on the 6th day, (Thursday,) April 6th, at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The friends of this benevolent object are invited to attend, and become acquainted with the proceedings of the Association.

We hope they will not turn a deaf ear to our appeal. Many of those who have been formerly rich and kindly influenced, whose childhood, youth, and maturity have been watched over by anxious, loving parents, have been suddenly cast upon the cold charities of the world. Out of such circumstances, there arises, who are striving to emerge from unknown and painful depths, to the open light of day, and children at the Institution No. 404 North Eighth Street. During that time they have tried several situations for upwards of four hundred respectable women. We hope our friends, in look out for employment for those females who they have occasion to change domestics. We have many applications for such females as are substitutes.

Individuals and families can have tailoring, dress-making, and plain sewing done at the Institution. Ladies are taught dress-cutting by a lady who has had much experience in the business. Dress wants for sale.

BOARD OF HEALTH.—The number of deaths during the week ending on the 23d inst. was 314—and not 214 as stated.

# Congressional News.

## THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

### SENATE.

On the 18th, the Senate resumed the consideration of the Bill for the admission of California.

Mr. Benton addressed his decided preference to the extension of the Missouri Compromise line to the Pacific, and declared his intention of opposing the power of Congress to pass it, it was the only measure which could restore peace to the country that he subscribed to it, and that he would not be satisfied with any measure he passed and the Territories were not admitted. He would not be satisfied unless he could conscientiously and with satisfaction vote.

He was not opposed to compromises. The Union itself was nothing in existence all objection to which was nothing in existence all objection to which was nothing in existence all objection to which

# Selected Poetry.

## THE MILL-MAID.

BY ALICE CAREY.

Now comth her golden hour every;
Merrily sing the miller's lass
She waited for the coming fair—
Poor broken-hearted maiden!
The ring from off her finger slip,
And fold her hands together;
No more love's anons on her lip
Will trouble like a feather.

Each bucket came along the sole
Her step more briefly sounded.
The light grew paler to her view,
Her cheek too softly rounded.
For never said we a "maybe"
Till with the fateful crying,
The millstead of the glen her
And lily head is dying!"

When the dun shadows o' the birch
Above her rest are weaving,
The pastor of the village church
Shall bless the place with praying;
Deeming the vocalists sacrifice
A loved and lovely offering,
Hymn by the winds of Paradise
To meet Gabriel's ear in heaven.

The mill-wheel for a day is still,
The spades cannot be piping.
The little homestead on the hill
Looks sadder for her dying;
But ere the third time is the spire
The Sabbath Bell is ringing,
Not one of all the village choir
Will miss the mill-maid's singing.

FROM THE PLAIN TRIBE, SARAGOSSA CITY.

## TO ——,

BY STEPHEN C. MASSETT.

Oh! lady, take those beds and flowers
And twine them in thy own brown hair,
And I will weave for thee a wreath
Fonder than any queen could wear
For then shoulder have a corner
Not glittering with many a gem,
The pressure and the violet
Shall be the queenly diadem

The pressure back shall wed to thy tresses,
The lavrikeen lisengrasse, the violet
Shall breathe their fragrance, as I sing
Of nightingale and humming bee
That by thy water, and the cloud
Of leafy bower and myrtle green
That yield for these sweet flowers their
Where then shalt dwell in peace serene.

Then lady, take these buds and flowers
And twine them in my gushing hair,
And I will weave a fragrant wreath
Kinder than any queen could wear
For offerings of gold and pearl.
Lady, I would not sing to thee:
For weaves a wreath whose blossomings
May bloom in immortality!

# Selected Tale.

FROM GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE, FOR APRIL.

## THE DARKENED CASEMENT.

BY GRACE GREENWOOD.

CHAPTER I.

What to your eyes with tearful power,
Like moonlight on a falling shower!
Who can tell you how your beauty grew
Or preserve thoughts and report pain.
Your sisterhood's power is like
As perfume of the cuckoo-flower.
*Tenny son.*

Frederic Preston was in need of a respectable merchant, a one of the most important seaport towns of New England. He was a young man of fine personal appearance, a warm and honorable heart, and a spirit singularly free from self-assertion. From his boyhood these inclinations had led him to a sea-faring life, and at the age of twenty-six, when he is presented to the reader, he had already made several voyages to the East Indies, as supercargo in the service of the house in which his father was a partner. He was now at home for a year, awaiting the completion of a vessel, which was to trade with Canton, and which he was to command.

Preston had, for all his love of change and adventure, a taste for literature—always taking a well-selected library with him on long voyages—was even, for one of his pursuits, remarkable for scholarly attainments; yet he sometimes was out of books and study, and, as he had little taste for general society, often found the time drag heavily in his anchorage. It was thus that he one day cheerfully accepted the invitation of his mother to accompany her in a short sail, and which his sister was to take a part.

Our young gentleman was shown a seat in front, near the platform on which are ranged the "patient pupils"—beauties, every shade of auburn and hair."

He gazed about rather listlessly he awhile, but at length his attention became fixed on a young lady who stood at the black-board, proving with great elegance and precision a difficult proposition in Euclid. He was observing the admirable taste of her dress, the delicacy and willowy grace of her figure, when suddenly, while raising her arm in drawing a diagram, a small comb of shell dropped from her head, and a rich mass of hair fell over her shoulders.

And such hair!—it was wonderously intricate, not precisely curly, but rippling all through with small glossy waves, just ready to roll themselves into ringlets, and of that peculiar, indescribable color between a brown and a bright auburn.

Preston, who felt that the possession of such magnificent hair must be beautiful, waited impatiently for a sight at the face of the fair geometrician; but, without turning her head, she stepped quietly back, took up the comb, coolly rearranged her hair, and went on with her problem.

It was not until this was finished, and she took her seat among the other pupils, that Preston had a full view of her face. He was more keenly disappointed than he would have acknowledged, when he saw only paleness, a part of the brow, and a portion of the cheek. The former was by no means remarkably high; her features were regular and her complexion extremely delicate. She